

AGENDA



Thursday, February 11, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 12

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with HARVEY-CLEARY BUILDERS, Austin, TX for the purchase and installation of a 2,500-ton chiller system at the Robert Mueller Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$3,610,498.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Shawn Harris, Supervising Sr. Buyer/505-7351

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 12.24% MBE and 2.36% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of a 2,500-ton packaged chilling system for Austin Energy's Robert Mueller Energy Center for the Phase III Expansion. The packaged chiller will provide a critical redundant cooled water source needed to meet the chilled water demand on the district cooling system that provides services to the Dell Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and others.

The packaged chiller system includes cooling towers, pumps, controls, and piping. The installation services of this system also include associated external chilled water piping, new 12,470 to 4160v transformers and associated switchgear, 15kV switchgear section and breaker associated feeders, conduit, wiring and controls, monitoring system integration, and a new redundant air compressor system, all of which is required to connect and operate this system with the existing plant systems.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-four notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 30% increase to the last contract award made in March 2007. However, this contract includes additional work scope including connection to the existing 12,470v power supply which was not included in the previous contract.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated bid received. Harvey-Cleary Builders was not the previous provider for these services.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.

c. Advertised on the Internet.